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SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST U. S. BUSINESSMAN

1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE RECEIVED RELATIVELY DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING A KIDNAP FOR RANSOM THREAT AGAINST USCIT MANAGER OF GOODYEAR- GUATEMALA (GINSA), LAURO MURO. MURO HAS BEEN INFORMED AND WILL TAKE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING TRIP OUT OF GUATEMALA. MURO ASKS THAT HIS HEADQUARTERS IN AKRON BE ADVISED OF SITUATION BY DEPARTMENT ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 17 MURO INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY FORMER EMPLOYEE OF HIS THAT THERE WAS A PLAN TO KIDNAP HIM FOR RANSOM. RSO CONTACTED THIS INFORMANT AND THROUGH HIM WAS ABLE TO INTERVIEW FORMER EMPLOYEE'S SOURCE OF INFORMATION OF KIDNAP PLOT. SOURCE, WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF, TOLD RSO THAT A FORMER POLICEMAN AND RIGHT- WING TERRORIST WAS RECRUITING A BAND OF FOURTEEN PERSONS TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS ASSASSINATION AND KIDNAP ASSIGNMENTS, AND THAT ONE OF FOUR JOBS WAS TO BE KIDNAPPING OF MURO. OTHER THREE INVOLVE PAID KILLINGS FOR VENGEANCE OF A GUATEMALAN

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WOMAN, A GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT, AND A WEALTHY GUATEMALAN BUSINESSMAN. PLAN INVOLVES USE OF TWO CARS TO BLOCK MURO'S VEHICLE ON WAY TO GINSA PLANT, TRANSFER HIM TO ONE OF CARS AND HOLD HIM IN A SAFEHOUSE, PROBABLY IN SANTA LUCIA COZUMALGUAPA. SOURCE SAID ONE OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN PLAN WAS FORMER EMPLOYEE OF GINZA WHO HAD BEEN FIRED TWO YEARS AGO AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY HAD MADE THREATS AGAINST GINSA INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER LUIS VINTRO, RESULTING IN HIS DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY. SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT LEADER OF KIDNAP PLAN BOASTED THAT HE WAS RECEIVING INSIDE INFORMATION FROM A GUARD AT GINSA PLANT AND THAT THIS WOULD ASSURE SUCCESS OF THEIR PLAN. GROUP PLANS GO INTO ACTION AROUND JUNE 1, BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THEY WILL ATTEMPT HIT MURO FIRST OR GO ABOUT ONE OF THEIR OTHER PLANNED "JOBS" BEFORE TURNING TO HIM.

2. FYI FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SOURCE (I. E., THAT LEADER OF PLAN WAS FORMER POLICEMAN WHOSE TWIN BROTHER, ALSO FORMER POLICEMAN WAS KILLED OVER A YEAR AGO) WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TENTATIVELY TO IDENTIFY LEADER AS MANUEL DE LEON PAIZ, WHO HAS A MOST UNSAVORY REPUTATION. END FYI.

3. I HAVE INFORMED MURO OF ALL DETAILS THIS SITUATION AVAILABLE TO US, AND HAVE ADVISED HIM ON SECURITY MEASURES HE MIGHT TAKE. HE HAS DECIDED MAKE BUSINESS TRIP TO SALVADOR AND COSTA RICA NEXT WEEK (TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) AND MAKE OTHER SPORADIC TRIPS THROUGH CENTRAL AMERICA TO VISIT GINSA WAREHOUSES FOR NEXT MONTH OR SO. WHEN IN GUATEMALA HE WILL VARY TIMES OF HIS TRAVEL TO AND FROM WORK (BECAUSE OF LOCATION OF PLANT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO VARY ROUTE SIGNIFICANTLY) AND HE WILL TRAVEL WITH FOLLOW CAR MANNED BY MOBILE MILITARY POLICE.

4. INASMUCH AS IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR HIM TO ADVISE HIS COMPANY OF DETAILS BY TELEPHONE HE HAS ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT PASS INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS ONE AND THREE TO C. J. ALAMEDA, REGIONAL DIRECTOR GOODYEAR INTERNATIONAL CORP., 1144 E. MARKET STREET, AKRON, OHIO. I WOULD APPRECAITE IT IF DEPARTMENT WOULD ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST. DECONTROL MAY 1974.

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